



LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
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REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

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SECRETARY

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE CITIES EXCESS FUNDS
AVAILABLE TO THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT FOR
A GRANT TO THE CITY OF LA CANADA/FLINTRIDGE FOR THE
ULTIMATE DESTINATION POINT PROJECT
(FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$30,000 in Cities Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the City of La Canada/Flintridge for the Ultimate Destination Point Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Certify that the Board, as a responsible agency under the California Environmental Quality Act, has independently considered and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental effects of the proposed project and the Negative Declaration adopted by the City of La Canada/Flintridge, as lead agency; determine that the document adequately addresses the environmental impacts of the proposed project; find that your Board has complied with the requirements of California Environmental Quality Act with respect to the process for a responsible agency and adopt by reference the City's Negative Declaration.
2. Allocate \$30,000 in Cities Excess Funds to the City of La Canada/Flintridge available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, for the Ultimate Destination Point Project.
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as the Director

of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant in the amount of \$30,000 to the City of La Canada/Flintridge for the Ultimate Destination Point Project if applicable conditions have been met and authorize the Director to administer the grant as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$30,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), to the City of La Canada/Flintridge (City) for the Ultimate Destination Point Project. The City is an eligible recipient of Excess Funds under the 1996 Proposition.

The Ultimate Destination Point Project consists of the construction of a shaded rest area for hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians at the terminus of the City's existing Ultimate Destination Trail, which abuts 1247 Flintridge Avenue in La Canada/Flintridge. Native oak trees will be planted at the rest area and an irrigation system will be installed to provide water for a drinking fountain for trail users and a water bubbler for horses. The total project cost is \$136,000. In addition to the requested \$30,000, the project will be funded with \$20,000 in State of California Proposition 84 funds from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and \$86,000 in City general funds.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (Director) be authorized to award the grant to the City, when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications, consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the project, if applicable, and to administer the grant pursuant to the Procedural Guide previously approved by your Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by enhancing recreational facilities and trails access in the City and in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the Excess Funds grants, in the amount of \$30,000, is budgeted in the Fifth Supervisorial District portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The City has met this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996.

The recommended grants will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District for Cities projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director will be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, your Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of Regional Park and Open Space District grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On September 17, 2012, the City, in its role as lead under CEQA, found and determined that there was no substantial evidence that the Ultimate Destination Point Project would have a significant effect on the environment; found that the Negative Declaration reflected the independent judgment of the City; approved the Negative Declaration; and found that the project will have no adverse effect on fish and wildlife resources.

With respect to your Board's approval of the project described herein, the County also acts as a responsible agency for the purposes of CEQA, and therefore, we recommend that your Board independently consider and adopt the Negative Declaration.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Grant Project Agreement will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Project Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by the District but are required so that the City may proceed on the Ultimate Destination Pocket Park Project in the Fifth Supervisorial District, if all applicable conditions are met.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects/Debt Management Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

2/5/2013

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", with a stylized, flowing script.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors